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**cam·ou·flage**   [Pronunciation Key](#) (kăm'ə-flăzh', -flāj')

*n.*

1. The method or result of concealing personnel or equipment from an enemy by making them appear to be part of the natural surroundings.
2. Concealment by disguise or protective coloring.
3. Fabric or a garment dyed in splotches of green, brown, tan, and black so as to make the wearer indistinguishable from the surrounding environment.

*v.* **cam·ou·flaged, cam·ou·flag·ing, cam·ou·flag·es**

*v. tr.*

1. To conceal by the use of disguise or by protective coloring or garments that blend in with the surrounding environment.
2. To conceal, usually through misrepresentation or other artifice: *camouflaged their hatred with professions of friendship*. See [Synonyms at \*disguise\*](#).

*v. intr.*

To use protective coloring or garments for concealment.

[French, from *camoufler*, *to disguise*, alteration (influenced by *camouflet*, *snub*, *smoke blown in one's face*), of Italian *camuffare*.]

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n 1: an outward semblance that misrepresents the true nature of something; "the theatrical notion of disguise is always associated with catastrophe in his stories" [syn: [disguise](#)] 2: fabric dyed with splotches of green and brown and black and tan; intended to make the wearer of a garment made of this fabric hard to distinguish from the background [syn: [camo](#)] 3: device or stratagem for concealment or deceit 4: the act of concealing the identity of something by modifying its appearance; "he is a master of disguise" [syn: [disguise](#)] v : disguise by camouflaging; exploit the natural surroundings to disguise something; "The troops camouflaged themselves before they went into enemy territory"

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